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To whom it may concern:

The Microsoft settlement value was best appreciated by the capital markets, that is as a huge win for Microsoft. It is a travesty of justice to present this settlement as a reasonable answer to Microsoft's monopoly.

Nothing will ultimately prevent the company to, among other things:

- Leverage their newly acquired SGI 3D patent portfolio to gain monopoly power in what is now a very competitive field of 3D APIs.
- Continue leveraging gains from Monopoly power to enter the console market with the X-Box, that will cost MS upward of 2 Billion dollars before any profits roll in (isn't that a direct violation of the Sherman Act ?)

Those are only minuscule example of what the company is bound to do. We are drifting into a world where consumers will be caught between Microsoft and AOL, a rock and hard place. With this settlement the DOJ will kill innovation in the field, as no one will venture capital to any venture they know will be killed by Microsoft if it grows to any size deemed threatening.

Regards,

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